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A welcome this afternoon to the Players, Directors and Staff of Rochdale Football Club. I hope you have all had a very happy Christmas Day. I'm sure some of you thought like me that Christmas had come 8 days early in the shape of Ryan Kidds last minute goal which gave us the 3 points against Barnet's 10 men last week. I must admit I never thought it was going to come, as Barnet's intention was just to spoil and frustrate, get 10 men behind the ball, slow the game down and defend leaving us to try to find an opening. We built up patiently from the back but could not make the final pass, cross or shot, tell. I felt that we actually played much better in the first half against their 11 men. We are trying to pass the ball more and let players express themselves which I am sure you have already seen, at times it will not always work as well as I would like, but during this transitional stage the most important thing is that we keep winning whilst

we are learning.

Your support and encouragement is still the biggest asset this club has, with your help this club has no bounds.

You fans are Premier League but we are trying to catch you up.

Gary

Front Cover:
Steve Holmes... North End's outstanding discovery.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

With Audrey Shaw

I hope you all had a nice Christmas Day and are now looking forward to the New Year.
Looking to the forthcoming fixtures over the next week. The game at Wigan on the 28th December is now sold out and the game on the 31st against Scarborough will be a 3.00pm kick-off.
Over the last few weeks it has come to the Clubs attention that admission through the concessionary turnstiles is being abused by a number of supporters who do not fall into the category of Under 16's or Senior Citizens. With effect from the Scarborough fixture on the 31st December new signing will be on display on such turnstiles and there will be supervision on entry to the ground. It may be that some supporters are spoken to in this connection to ensure that only persons falling into the appropriate age ranges are admitted at these points.
Possession of some form of documentation to prove age and status would be helpful in allowing a speedy flow into the ground and I hope we can look forward to your Co-operation in this matter.

Audrey Shaw
Secretary.

AWAY THE LADS

Just a short journey on Wednesday 28th of December at 7.30pm at Wigan. Hopefully by New Year our league position will have improved somewhat as the fixtures level themselves out.
The fixture is 'ALL TICKET' and we are sure to sell all ours.

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The Latic Fanatic sells at £1 from outside the ground or from 186 Hodges St, Wigan. Always a good read and strangely very anti all things North End!

FACILITIES

Well most of us have been to Springfield Park more often than we care to remember. Its not pretty its usually raining and although the perimeter fences have gone it has to be one of the leagues worst grounds. The grass banking is out of bounds and the atmosphere is down to us.

SUMMARY

Last season saw an estimated 2100 North End fans at Wigan with stewarding/policing chaos,
whereas only 356 Wiganers travelled to Deepdale.

AWAY TRAVEL

Club Travel Coaches, OSC Coaches and Mercers Coaches will all be travelling and BR say service trains will run on the night.

(PNEOSC Away Travel)

Coaches to Wigan (December 28th) will be leaving Fishwicks Garage at Leyland at 5.30pm, and Preston at 6.00pm. The fare will be a standard £4 return. For the Torquay game on January 2nd the coach will leave Leyland at 7.00am and Preston at 7.30am. The price for members will be £15.00 for adults, and £14.50 for under 16s. Non members pay £1 extra. The coach also picks up at the Tardy Gate in Lostock Hall (be there at the Leyland departure time and you won't miss it!) and at the
football ground opposite Legends club (about two minutes after
leaving Preston Bus Station).

FROM THE RULEBOOK

By arrangement with the Football Association, a series of articles has been produced which it is believed will make a suitable inclusion in Preston's match day programme. It is hoped these will be of assistance to spectators in their better understanding of certain aspects of the laws of the game.

DAVID DENT
SECRETARY
THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Injured players on the field of play

A lot of interest was shown in the way in which injured players were dealt with in the World Cup matches. Of course, there was a certain amount of novelty interest in the electric carts used to quickly transport injured players from the field and much jocular speculation as to their effectiveness in attempting the same task from a muddy pitch during an English winter.

The treatment (or non-treatment) of injured players on the field of play is another subject drawn recently to the attention of referees by FIFA in its mandatory instructions.

Law V (Referees) has not been changed. It has always indicated that a referee shall stop the game if, in his opinion, a player has been seriously injured and have the player removed from the field as soon as possible.

The Law has also required and continues to require that a referee shall not stop the game if a player is only slightly injured, but rather he must wait until the ball is next out of play.

The obvious difficulty in fairly managing such situations is that few referees are medically qualified to make such critical judgements involving players who have cost clubs considerable sums and have high insurance values.

As a result (and certainly bearing in mind the safety and welfare of players) referees have always been urged to err on the side of caution and especially when head injuries are detected. Quick and decisive actions by a number of referees have helped dramatically in cases where a player has suffered a blow to the head and at risk of grave danger from swallowing his tongue .In such incidents, immediate remedial action is essential and that must continue.

However, for lesser run-of-the-mill injuries, where a player is thought to be able to go safely to the touchline or goalline for attention, Law V requires that appropriate treatment shall not be given on the field of play.

It is in these latter cases where a referee needs to seek confirmation from the club trainer or doctor, that he gives permission for the team officials to enter the pitch to verify the degree of injury and then have the player carried off for treatment. The team officials who enter the field do so solely to diagnose whether off-field treatment is needed, or whether the player can continue without any treatment being necessary.

While everyone is concerned about the health of players in such accidents, there is still a need to keep delays to play to an absolute minimum and even when a halt in play is essential, referees must make due allowance for time lost during the transport of injured players from the field.

Spectators are entitled to value for money and no undue time should be lost. Trainers must inspect injured players quickly and decide whether they can get up and continue or need to get off immediately for treatment. Trainers thus decide what treatment (if any) is needed and they, therefore, decide that the player must leave the field. Clearly, they must ensure that, where appropriate, safeguards are taken before moving players by stretcher, etc. Their responsibility is great and referees need their fullest cooperation to ensure that FIFA's instructions are compiled with and the safety of players guaranteed. Referees will allow trainers to diagnose and decide, but any treatment needed must be given after trainers have had players moved safely from the field. In these cases, it is the trainers who send players off, not the referees!

Ken Ridden
(The Football Association)

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MASCOT MEMORIES

by Simon Nash

Peter Marsden looks on through the gloom before our Blackpool Cup victory.

Mark Singleton seems to be enjoying the atmosphere before the Northampton game.

Monica Brierley joins the 'lads' before the Walsall F.A. Cup tie.

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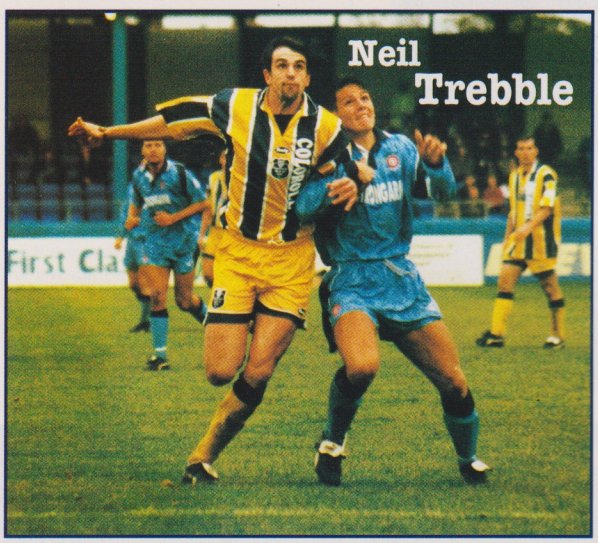

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HERE TODAY

BETWEEN THE STICKS...
CHRIS CLARKE.... 20 year old Chris was signed during the close season on a free transfer from Bolton Wanderers. While at Burnden Park Chris did not get the opportunity to make his mark in the first team and so he had to wait until the opening day of the season versus Bury to make his full League debut for Rochdale. The Barnsley born keeper kept a clean sheet in the match and went on to show considerable promise in the following ten matches. Unfortunately for Chris he received a depressed fracture of the skull during an Auto Windscreen Shield match versus Blackpool and is unlikely to be back to full fitness until early new year.

IAN GRAY... Manchester born Ian is currently on loan at Spotland to help the club out of their goalkeeping crisis. 19 year old Ian, who joined the club in November, is a graduate of Oldham Athletic's youth policy. He made his League debut on the 19th November versus Colchester and kept a clean sheet in a 0 - 0 draw.

NEIL DUNFORD.....Another player to have pulled on the keepers jersey this season for Rochdale is Neil Dunford. He has appeared on the bench nine times this season and has made three full first team appearances at the time of writing. He may appear in some capacity in today's fixture.

LEADING FROM THE BACK....
ANDY THACKERAY..... Ever present at full back this season at Spotland after joining from Wrexham in 1992 for £15,000. His first taste of League football was with his hometown Huddersfield at the age of 18 before gaining further experience with Newport County and then Wrexham. The 26 year old now has over 300 League appearances to his credit.

PAUL BUTLER
Born in Bradford, Paul made his

League debut for Rochdale in October 1991. The 22 year old has been regularly involved in the first team squad over the past three seasons but unfortunately had to miss much of the 1992 - 93 season through injury. Last season Paul was producing the kind of form which attracted attention from many top clubs. Paul has played in every League game since the end of August and has netted twice to date.

KEVIN FORMBY..... Kevin arrived at Spotland on transfer deadline day last season from non-league Burscough on a free transfer. The 23 year old ex-Marine joined the club as a striker but has been successfully converted to a left-back. Born in Ormskirk, Kevin has only missed two League games this campaign at the time of writing.

DARREN OLIVER.....
Liverpool born Darren began his football career with Bolton Wanderers as a trainee. After a brief loan spell with Peterborough in October 1993 (one appearance, one goal), Rochdale snapped up the defender on a free transfer. 23 year old Darren has made over 20 appearances for Rochdale and is currently looking to gain a regular place in the first team, challenging Kevin Formby for the full-back position.

PETER VALENTINE..... Recent signing from Third Division club Carlisle for £15,000. 31 year old Peter is a highly experienced defender who started out at hometown club Huddersfield in the early 1980's. In July 1983 Peter made the move across the Pennines to Bolton on a free transfer. Two seasons and 68 League appearances later Peter joined Bury. It was at Gigg Lane where he made the majority of his appearances - 319 in the League and 45 in the Cup over eight seasons with the club. In August 1993 a £10,000 move took Peter to Carlisle (20 appearances) before he arrived at Spotland in November.

MEN IN THE MIDDLE.....
SHAUN REID

29 year old Shaun is in his second spell at Spotland after starting his career with the club as an apprentice. In December 1985 Shaun had a brief loan spell at Preston before joining York City in a £32,000 move. While at Bootham Crescent Shaun made 106 League appearances scoring 7 goals. The midfielder, brother of ex-Manchester City boss Peter Reid, returned to Spotland on a free transfer in August 1992. Huyton born Shaun has been an almost ever present this season scoring 3 goals so far. Described as a tough tackling midfielder.

JASON PEAKE..... Leicester born Jason started out at his hometown club as a trainee sign-

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Jason Peake

ing a professional contract in January 1990. He went on to make 4 full League appearances for City scoring once. After a brief loan spell at Hartlepool, Jason joined Halifax in August 1992 on a free transfer. 23 year old Jason made 32 appearances for the Yorkshire club before moving back over the Pennines to Rochdale in March 1994. A former England Youth International,Jason has appeared regularly this term.

DARREN RYAN..... Oswestry born Darren joined Rochdale during the close season from Stockport County. In just over a year at Edgeley Park Darren made 36 League appearances scoring 6 goals. Previous experience was gained with Shrewsbury Town (4 appearances) and Chester City (17 appearances), and a brief loan spell at non-league Telford. The 22 year old has made a handful of League starts during this campaign.

DEREK HALL..... Derek made his first monetary transfer when he joined Rochdale in August for a fee of £10,000 from Hereford United. Born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Derek began as a trainee at Coventry City making 1 full League appearance. The 29 year old gained experience at a considerable number of clubs before arriving at Spotland including Torquay, Swindon, Southend, Halifax and then Hereford.

STEVE DOYLE..... Steve will need no introduction to those North End fans who frequented Deepdale between 1974 and 1982. The former under-21 Welsh International started his career with Preston as an apprentice and went on to almost 200 League appearances over eight seasons. In 1982 Steve joined Huddersfield on a free transfer and then almost exactly 4 years to the day a £57,000 move took him to Sunderland. After making 100 appearances at Roker Park Steve signed for Hull City in a deal worth £75,000 in August 1989. The 36 year old midfielder arrived at Spotland in November 1990 and has made over 130 appearances for Dale.

IN ATTACK.....

DAVE THOMPSON..... Another Ex-North Ender who is currently playing for Dale after signing in August 1994 for £6,000. Dave is actually in his second spell with Rochdale after starting his career at Spotland in the early 1980's. His first move came in August 1986 when he joined Notts County but just a year later Dave moved back to the North West to sign for Wigan Athletic. Les Chapman spotted the winger and brought him to Deepdale paying £77,500 for his services in August 1990. Unfortunately for Dave his career at Preston was dogged by injury and he was unable to capture his early form. Chester snapped him up on a free transfer before he returned full circle to Rochdale this year.

STEVE WHITEHALL..... Steve was brought in to the Rochdale squad from non-league Southport after impressive trial spells with Sheffield United and Tranmere Rovers in July 1991 for £25,000. The 27 year old has since made over 130 League appearances for the Dale and has netted over 40 League goals. During this campaign Steve has only missed one match in all competitions and has scored 6 goals to date.

PAUL WILLIAMS.....

Paul is another of Rochdale's players who began their career League career at Deepdale. Born in Sheffield, Paul made just 2 first team appearances for North End before joining Newport County on a free. He furthered his career with spells at Sheffield United, Hartlepool and Stockport before a big money move - £250,000 to West Brom in March 1991. While at the Hawthorns Paul spent a short time on loan at Coventry before he returned to Stockport County. The 31 year old joined Rochdale on a free just over a year ago.

Sharon Gifford
Karen Pearson
(Information correct as at 9th December 1994).

Paul Williams chases Oldham's Richard Jobson in the Rose Bowl clash in August.

Photographs by: Alpha Photography

MIKE CONROY

AUTOGRAPH

PLAYER PROFILE

By Martin Breen

MIKE CONROY

Born:- 31.12.65
Age:- 29
Height:- 6ft
Weight:- 11st

How were you first spotted?

I had a spell with Celtic Boys Club, like David Moyes. Then I left and went to play for a local side called Gartcosh. A Coventry City scout spotted me there and I signed for them straight from school as an apprentice.

You are known to most people as a striker but you have played in other positions before, most notably in defence. What can you tell us about those?

When I was at Reading, Ian Porterfield played me at centre half a few times. In the past I've played around 60 or 70 games at left back and left midfield. Wherever I'm played I can get used to it and become comfortable, though obviously I prefer playing centre forward.

So do you think you could play in a defence role now?

Yes I think so. I'd probably need 7 or 8 games to really settle in a new position, but I'm sure I could adjust if need be.

Have you any bad habits or vices you'd like to confess?

My wife would probably say I watch too much football, both on TV and at games. Not only is football my job, it's my main hobby as well.

How did the players hear about John Beck's resignation?

We only heard on the Friday morning that John resigned. It really did come as a big surprise, no one was expecting it. I think it probably cleared the air a little bit.

How does Gary Peters compare to John Beck in terms of training and so on?

I think the fans will eventually see a definite change in style. Gary tends to play you on your decisions on the field, which allows players to express themselves more - obviously, if you make too many bad decisions, you'll get dropped for a while. Under John, such decisions were really made for you. You were told what to do before you went out.

It is well known to the fans that John Beck's methods were rigidly enforced. How did John Beck compare to other managers you have played for?

John Beck has fantastic coaching abilities and he looks into every aspect of the game both on and off the field. He is a very professional man but his ideas were different to any other manager I've played for.

I understand your first child is due soon. Is that keeping you busy, away from football?

Yes, I've been painting the nursery and going to Asda buying Pampers and baby cream, which seems strange. No doubt I'll have plenty of late nights and lack of sleep when the baby comes. I'm really looking forward to being a dad though - I think that's when you really start living.

Being honest whose colours will you dress the baby in?

I don't know. It might have to be an Australia shirt, because my wife's from Australia and I'll have to keep the peace!

Who is your regular room mate and what annoying habits does he have?

David Moyes. I can't name any habits really, we're very well suited because we both like to talk about football a lot. We both like to get a lot of sleep as well, as long as there are no black cats around that is. You see, when we were staying at Hereford last season, I woke up in the middle of the night and there was a black cat sat at the end of my bed! It scared the life out of me!

Which person at the club would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?

That's a tough one to answer, I honestly can't think. The best option would probably be Big Gav (Nebbeling). The time would pass so quickly with his interesting conversation!

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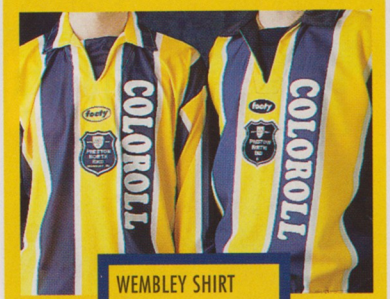

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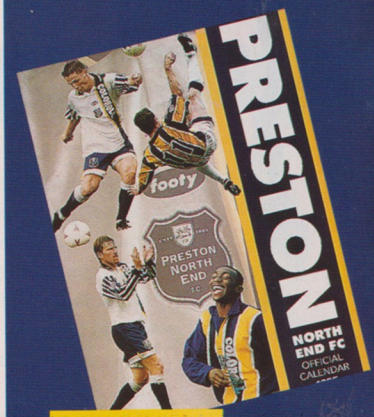

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Wigan	19	2	2	5	14	15	3	1	6	9	15	18
Gillingham	19	3	3	3	10	10	1	2	7	11	20	17
Hereford	19	2	2	5	6	12	2	2	6	16	23	16
Nrthamptn	19	2	3	5	7	11	0	6	3	6	10	15
Scarborgh	19	1	3	5	9	13	2	1	7	9	22	13

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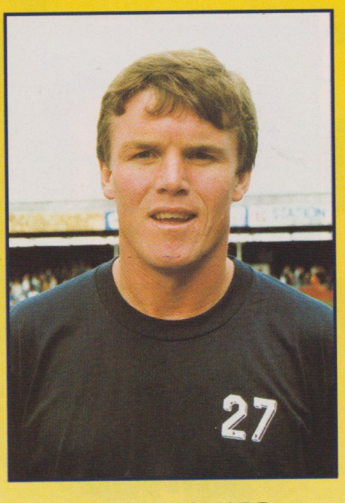
Chesterfld v Doncaster
Colchester v Northampton
Exeter v Torquay
Gillingham v Fulham
Hartlepool v Carlisle
Mansfield v Hereford
Preston v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v Lincoln
Walsall v Barnet

ROUND DIVISION THREE

The twenty point gap between North End and the divisional leaders, Carlisle still remains even after Preston managed the win against Barnet last week. The reason for that is the fact that Carlisle's run just goes on and on. Against bottom of the table Scarborough, United had a tough time and were a little lucky to come away from the McCain Stadium with full points. Scarborough gave a lively account of themselves and even took the lead with a goal by new signing Tony Rodwell, but when full-back Wells deliberately handled a goal-bound shot and was sent off for his trouble it let Carlisle back in. Gallimore converted the penalty and Currie scored a 49th minute winner. Never has there been a case of when you are at the top things go for you and when you are at the bottom.....!

Shock result of last weekend was Bury's 3-1 defeat at Hartlepool. Having conceded only six goals in their previous 18 league games, to concede three in the one match proved quite a shock to Bury, and also to the rest of the division on hearing the result. Hero, and later villain, for Pool was their player-coach Keith Houchen who scored a hat trick before being sent off later on. Still, I suppose he had left his mark! Another hat-trick man was Steve Wilkinson of Mansfield who enjoyed a Sunday match against Chesterfield. Actually, apart from Carlisle, it was a bad weekend for the top clubs as Doncaster lost at home to Colchester thanks to Brown's 84th minute winner, and Barnet of course were beaten here. Colchester's win keeps them in contention but watch out for Walsall who followed our cup defeat by hitting another four past



MARK LEONARD
ON THE 'MARK' WITH WIGAN

poor old Hereford. Carl Lightbourne again hit two goals and he is now threatening the two leading scorers in the division. Darlington had the longest trip of the day but it was a happy coach home from Exeter as they won 2-0 in Devon.

All records upto and including 18.12.94

Top five attendances:
1 8837 PNE v Lincoln
2 8484 PNE v Darlington
3 7852 PNE v Walsall
4 7781 Carlisle v Doncaster
5 7461 Northampton v Barnet

Worst 1200 Scarborough v Rochdale

Best Wins:
Barnet 6 Rochdale 2
Walsall 5 Fulham 1
Exeter 1 Doncaster 5
Exeter 5 Scarborough 2
Exeter 0 Bury 4
PNE 4 Lincoln 0
Fulham 4 Exeter 0
Wigan 4 Rochdale 0
Carlisle 4 Barnet 0

Hat-tricks: Carter (Bury), Freedman (Barnet, who scored four v Rochdale), Lightbourne (Walsall), Stallard (Fulham), Lyons (Wigan) and Houchen (Hartlepool).

Leading Scorers: 16 - Freedman (Barnet), 15 - Reeves (Carlisle), 13 - Lightbourne (Walsall), Wilkinson (Mansfield), 12 - Carter (Bury), White (Hereford) 10 - Whitehall (Rochdale), Whitton (Colchester) and Cooper (Barnet).

Our former players who performed well were Mark Leonard, who seems to be in the goals for Wigan. He was again on target scoring a fourth minute goal against Fulham. Lee Ashcroft made the winner for WBA against Luton and Tony Ellis was again the star performer for Blackpool although he didn't score in their creditable 1-1 draw at Huddersfield. A player who didn't do so well was Colin Greenall who was sent off for Lincoln at Torquay. Gary Brazil is back in Fulham's team and Alan Kelly had a good game for Sheffield United at Watford. I remember his dad having a good game there once in a vital goalless draw. It was the famous game where Alan Spavin, having been concussed earlier, came round and didn't have a clue what the score was, so he asked the referee, Roger Kirkpatrick who said, "You're losing 6-0 son!". Enjoy the rest of the holiday folks.

by Steve Cowell

THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Bobby Charlton's flamboyant and entertaining North End side of the mid - 1970's based it's philosophy on the carefree innocence of youth. This culminated in the debut of a 16 year old Welsh lad, namely Stephen Charles Doyle.
Father figure Charlton realised early on that this youngster possessed a maturity way beyond his 16½ years. So, when during the 1974 - 75 season an opportunity arose manager Charlton had no hesitation in awarding Steve Doyle his first team debut in the away fixture at Tranmere Rovers, thus making Doyle the youngest P.N.E. player ever to play for the first eleven.
Before joining Preston Steve had trials with Bristol City, Burnley and Manchester United as well as for the Welsh Schoolboys side. Steve's progress was monitored when he was playing for Afan Lido F.C. and when North End played Cardiff City in a League fixture the P.N.E team stayed at the Afan Lido Sports Centre and the then manager Alan Ball took the opportunity of watching Steve in action, and in due course an offer was made and he joined North End as an apprentice in July 1974.
In his first season he had made the Welsh Youth team. They were drawn against Malta in the preliminary round and easily won a place

STEVE DOYLE

in the finals of the European Youth Championships held in Switzerland. On the 2nd July 1975 he was signed on as a full professional and was by then a regular first team squad member.
The following season Steve was again chosen for the Welsh Youth team. Drawn against England the Welsh were 1 - 0 down after losing in Cardiff and held out little hope of qualifying for the finals to be held in Hungary. However the young Welsh lads did the impossible and beat England 3 - 2 at Maine Road, Manchester after being 2 - 0 down on aggregate. Steve's invaluable League experience gave the Welsh mid-field that added ingredient needed to overcome the "impossible", determination.
Unaffected by Bobby Charlton's footballing status the youngster soon stamped his personality on the game over the next eight seasons he was here at Deepdale. Only his lack of pace prevented Doyle from being the complete midfield player. In 1982 Gordon Lee, who was now the P.N.E. manager decided that the likeable Welshman was not part of his plans and surprisingly released Doyle on a free transfer. Huddersfield were first to cash in on Preston's misfortune, selling Steve to Sunderland for over £57,000 after he had given The Terriers four full seasons. Even Sunderland made a profit on Steve when selling him on to Hull City, but after only two seasons at Boothferry Park he moved on to Rochdale in 1990. Like Huddersfield, Rochdale picked up a bargain free transfer as Steve has been a steadying influence in mid-field for today's opponents, Rochdale.

STEVE DOYLE
LEAGUE CAREER

1974-1982	P.N.E	197 apps	8 goals
1982-1986	Huddersfield	161 apps	6 goals
1986-1989	Sunderland	100 apps	2 goals
1989-1990	Hull City	47 apps	2 goals
1990-	Rochdale	110 apps	1 goal

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(Up to and including games played 17th December 1994)

	Av.Att.	Highest Attendance	Lowest Attendence
Preston North End	7398	8837 v Lincoln	6429 v Barnet
Carlisle United	6127	7781 v Doncaster	5141 v Torquay
Northampton Town	4921	7461 v Barnet	2466 v Hartlepool
Fulham	4246	5563 v Carlisle	2729 v Scarborough
Walsall	3872	5255 v Bury	3378 v Fulham
Torquay United	3143	4739 v Fulham	2004 v Lincoln
Colchester United	2967	3817 v Gillingham	2239 v Walsall
Bury	2935	3623 v PNE	2145 v Hartlepool
Chesterfield	2873	4210 v Mansfield	2136 v Exeter
Lincoln City	2831	3439 v Exeter	2030 v Wigan Ath
Scunthorpe United	2808	3609 v Walsall	2098 v Gillingham
Hereford United	2644	3076 v Doncaster	2153 v Torquay
Doncaster Rovers	2641	3321 v PNE	1938 v Hereford
Gillingham	2633	3015 v Rochdale	2257 v Wigan Ath
Mansfield Town	2666	3519 v Chesterfield	2247 v Colchester
Barnet	2420	3579 v Fulham	1688 v Rochdale
Darlington	2399	3315 v PNE	1861 v Exeter
Exeter City	2363	3015 v Northampton	1804 v Colchester
Rochdale	2295	3748 v Bury	1665 v Gillingham
Hartlepool United	1900	3035 v Darlington	1387 v Rochdale
Wigan Athletic	1767	3003 v Carlisle	1231 v Chesterfield
Scarborough	1488	1910 v Carlisle	1200 v Rochdale

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BYGONE DAYS

With Mike Payne

IAN BOGIE

Five Years Ago: 1989-90

'After the Turkey, the Swann', that was the headline after the Boxing Day draw against Tranmere here at Deepdale in 1989. Gary Swann proved to be the hero in a game which North End really should have won handsomely. Only defensive lapses prevented a big win and it was just such a mistake that enabled Tranmere to take a sixteenth minute lead. Former Liverpool favourite David Fairclough crossed and Jim Harvey helped himself to an easy goal. But inspired by the trickery of Ian Bogie came back strongly and they drew level eight minutes later thanks to a Bogie and Swann one-two. Bogie's cross was fumbled by Eric Nixon and Swann was there in the right place to pounce. Swann was denied again by a super save, and Preston might have had a penalty when Warren Joyce was brought down by the keeper. To rub salt into the wound Jim Steele then restored the visitor's lead. But on this day Preston were not going to be denied and on 57 minutes the Bogie, Swann partnership struck again. A blatant handball in the area by Ian Muir went unpunished by the referee and it left the Preston fans wondering how Tranmere were able to leave Deepdale with a point. They should have been dead and buried!
PNE: Kelly, Williams, Bennett; Bogie, Flynn, Hughes; Mooney, Swann, Joyce, Patterson, Harper.

A trip to the midlands for Boxing Day 1984 and Fellows Park Walsall where once again our away form let us down. New, on loan goalkeeper Jeff Wealands made his debut but it did not help much as two goals in two minutes in the first half proved decisive. The 'Bard', alias Craig Shakespeare scored first for Walsall after a
mistake by Wealands and then a brilliant goal by David Kelly made it 2-0. Preston were able to mount a bit of pressure after the break and when Nigel Greenwood pulled a goal back it looked for a moment that North End would salvage a point. But despite plenty of effort it wasn't to be and once again the the Christmas fixture had drawn a blank. There where some interesting facts about the match. It was North End's seventh consecutive away defeat, Greenwood's goal was Preston's first away goal for 532 minutes and in the match you had Alan Kelly, manager, John Kelly, David Kelly and Richard O'Kelly. Certainly a commentators nightmare if there had been one present.
PNE: Wealands; Farrelly, McAteer; Twentyman, Gibson, Clark; Kelly, Gray, Johnson, Rudge, Greenwood. Sub. Naughton for Gibson.

Twenty Years Ago: 1974-75

Boxing Day 1974 and the fixture list provided North End with a gem of a match at Ewood Park against Blackburn. Just over 24,000 packed into the ground to see the top team in the division assert their authority on the team in sixth place. From the start Blackburn took control and they scored first when Don Martin converted a Jimmy Mullen cross from the left. Roy Tunks made some good saves and Tony Morley looked the only threat from North End's attack. Ten minutes into the second half the game was virtually settled when a five man move ended with Tony Parkes scoring. Eight minutes from the end Martin added as third from the penalty spot after Nobby Stiles had fouled Mullen.
Preston might have had a consolation from the penalty spot themselves had the referee seen former Preston player Graham Hawkins push Mel Holden. But it hardly mattered as over 10,000 Preston fans made their way home looking to try and salvage something from their miserable Christmas.
PNE: Tunks; Fielding, Burns; Stiles, Bird, Sadler; Lamb, Morley, Elwiss, Holden, Charlton.

NORTH END IN ACTION AGA

1.

AINST HEREFORD

2.

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4.

One: Three delighted Scotsmen
Two: Kevin Magee puts North End one up.
Three: Mike Conroy's header makes it two.
Four: Ian Bryson scores from the spot.

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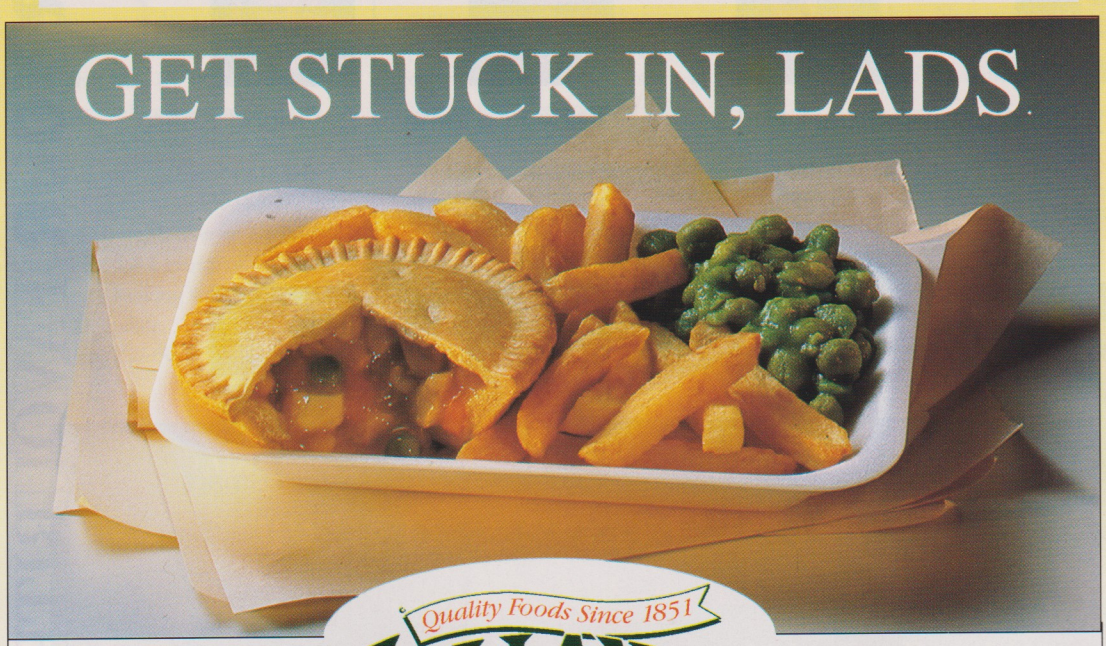

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NEW SIGNING

by Enda Brady

RAYMOND SHARP

It's a long way from Dunfermline to Deepdale, but North End's dynamic new defender has settled in superbly. **ENDA BRADY** talks to Raymond Sharp.

With 180 appearances for Dunfermline and three under-21 caps for Scotland to his credit,Raymond Sharp arrived at Deepdale in an £80,000 deal in October. The 25 year old left-back has made the Preston No.3 shirt his own and is very pleased with the move across the border.

He says: "The atmosphere is amazing here. When we lost seven games on the trot, the fans really got behind us. That was something special. They are so patient and loyal... they really are a great bunch. We've got our act together in the last few matches and I think our performances have improved. It all started with the cup tie against Blackpool."

Raymond played a pivotal part in Dunfermline's promotion winning side last season and is hoping for lightning to strike twice. He says: "I had thought that the highlight of my career was going up with Dunfermline. That was before coming to PNE. The Blackpool game was scary! The whole day from start to finish was incredible. I'll never forget the noise. It gives you a great feeling of pride when you can reward the fans by getting the right result in such an important derby."

Playing in the heart of defence doesn't give you many opportunities to score, though Raymond did manage to hammer home two long-range efforts last year. In 1990-91

he was called up to play for the Scottish under-21 side. He says: "That caught me completely by surprise. It was a great honour to play for my country. I was in the team for the matches against Switzerland, Norway and Bulgaria. Playing alongside the cream of Scotland was a brilliant experience."

"I always wanted to be a footballer. At 11 years of age, I was playing for a boys team called Gairdoch in Stirling. A scout from Dunfermline spotted me and I signed for them when I was 12. I made my first team debut at 19 years of age."

Away from football, Raymond has always had an interest in cars. He says: "I used to be really into cars and once built a mini from scratch. David Moyes gives me a lot of stick about that!

"I realise I'm very lucky to be out there playing. As a child I admired Kenny Dalglish and Gordon McQueen. They were my heroes when I was growing up. Andrei Kanchelskis is a favourite of mine at the moment. He is such a strong and speedy player - I would love to play against him!"

With Raymond's terrier like tackling, I'm sure United's dazzling winger wouldn't relish the thought of trying to stop Preston's "Flying Scotsman!"

FACTFILE

Name: Raymond Sharp

Date of Birth: November 16th 1969. Stirling

Previous Clubs: Dunfermline, Stenhousemuir (loan).

Height: 5 ft 11".

Weight: 12 st 4 lbs.

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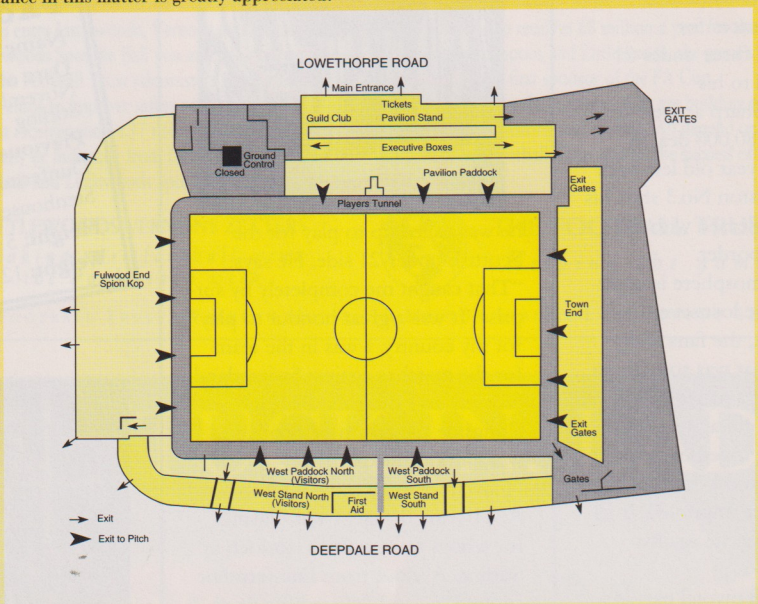

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by Lawrence Bland

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War League		
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1916-17	1-2	2-1
1917-18	3-4	3-4
1918-19	3-1	2-1
1939-40	5-0	1-1
1940-41	5-0	1-2
1941-42	6-0	5-1
1944-45	2-1	2-5
Division 3		
1970-71	3-1	2-1
Division 4		
1985-86	1-1	1-1
1986-87	2-4	2-0
Division 3		
1993-94	2-1	1-2

Lancashire Cup

1987-88 1-0 H
1989-90 1-2 H
1990-91 1-1 H

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1974-75 1-0 H

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1983-84 3-0 A
1984-85 2-2 A 0-1 H
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1990-91 3-1 H
1991-92 1-1 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A
League Home	4	2	1	1	8	7
League Away	4	2	1	1	6	3
League Cup	1	1	0	0	1	0
Trophy	6	3	2	1	12	6
Lancashire Cup	3	1	1	1	3	3
War League Home	8	5	0	3	26	10
War League Away	8	3	1	4	17	19
Total	34	17	6	11	73	48

DAVID WILSON

Scored in first league meeting

The "Old Invincibles" played a friendly in Rochdale on September 22nd 1890, winning 2 - 0. North End Reserves met this original Rochdale in the Lancashire Combination during 1896-97.
The present Rochdale were formed in 1907, and our Reserves met Rochdale in the Lancashire Combination during 1910-11, and in the Central League 1912-13, 1913-14 and 1914-15. The first teams first met in the War League Lancashire Section at Deepdale on September 18th 1915. 1,600 saw Rochdale win 2 - 1, with Halliwell scoring North End's goal. We also met during the Second World War.

The first League meeting was in Division Three at Deepdale on November 14th 1970. 13,460 saw North End (third) beat Rochdale (22nd) 3 - 1.
North End: Kelly, Ross, McMahon, Spark, Hawkins, Spavin, Wilson (1) (sub Heppolette), Ham (1), Ingram, Lyall (1) and Clark.
Rochdale: Tennant, Pearson, Blair, Riley, Parry, Clarke, Whitehead (1), Cross, Arrowsmith, Downes and Gowans. (unused sub Mandzuk).

4,317 saw the last meeting at Rochdale on February 5th 1994. Rochdale winning 2 - 1.
Rochdale: Hodge, Thackeray, Graham, Reid, Reeves, Jones, Milner, Bowden, Lancaster, Whitehall (1) and Stuart (1) (sub Howard). (unused sub Oliver).
North End: Woods, Fensome, Kidd, Lucas, Nebelling (sub Norbury), Moyes, Bryson, Cartwright, Conroy (1), Ellis and Raynor (sub Ainsworth). (unused sub O'Hanlon).

by Ian Rigby

PRESTON NORTH END

Date		Opponent	Venue	Result	Att	1	2	3	4	5
AUG	13th	Darlington	A	0-0	3315	Richardson	Fensome	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
	20th	Hereford Utd.	A	2-0	3039	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	27th	Barnet	A	1-2	2441	Richardson	Fensome	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
	30th	Bury	A	0-0	3623	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
SEP	3rd	Lincoln City	H	4-0	8837	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
	10th	Fulham	A	1-0	5001	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	13th	Gillingham	A	3-2	2555	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley#	Hicks
	17th	Darlington	H	1-3	8484	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd#	Whalley	Squires
	24th	Doncaster Rovers	A	1-2	3321	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Squires
OCT	1st	Walsall	H	1-2	7852	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley(1)	Squires
	8th	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	0-1	6895	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks
	15th	Hartlepool Utd.	A	1-3	2002	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley*	Hicks
	22nd	Colchester Utd.	A	1-3	3015	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley	Hicks
	29th	Exeter City	H	0-1	6808	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Whalley#	Holmes
NOV	5th	Mansfield Town	A	2-1	2602	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Squires*
	19th	Northampton Twn	H	2-0	7297	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
	26th	Chesterfield	A	0-1	3191	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	10th	Hereford Utd	H	4-2	6581	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
	17th	Barnet	H	1-0	6429	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Emerson	Kidd(1)
	26th	Rochdale	H							
	28th	Wigan Ath.	A							
	31st	Scarborough	H							
JAN	2nd	Torquay	A							
	*10th	Colchester	H							
	14th	Carlisle Utd	A							
	21st	Mansfield	H							
	28th	Exeter	A							
FEB	4th	Chesterfield	H							
	11th	Northampton	A							
	18th	Carlisle	H							
	25th	Walsall	A							
MAR	4th	Doncaster	H							
	11th	Fulham	H							
	18th	Bury	H							
	25th	Lincoln	A							
APR	1st	Gillingham	H							
	8th	Scarborough	A							
	15th	Wigan Ath.	H							
	17th	Rochdale	A							
	22nd	Torquay	H							
	29th	Hartlepool	H							
MAY	6th	Scunthorpe	A							

1994 - 1995 Appearances

	Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS		Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS
Ainsworth G	13	1	1	1	Moyes DW	17	3	2	2
Atkinson G	4	-	-	-	Raynor PJ	15+2	3	1+1	2
Bryson JIC	18	3	1+1	2	Richardson B	15	2	2	1
Cartwright L	9+7	3	2	1+1	Rimmer SA	0+2	-	-	-
Conroy MK	10+1	3	1+1	-	Sale MD	9+3	0+1	1+1	2
Emerson D	1+1	0+2	-	-	Sharp R	8	3	-	1
Fensome AB	19	3	2	2	Smart AAC	3	2	-	-
Fleming TM	10+6	0+1	2	1+1	Squires JA	6	-	-	1
Hicks SJ	8	-	2	-	Trebble ND	8+4	2	1	2
Holmes SP	4	2	-	1	Vaughan J	4	-	-	1
Kidd RA	13	-	2	1	Whalley DN	14+1	0+1	2	1+1
Magee K	1	-	-	-					

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	FAC	CCC	AWS
Sale	5	-	-	-
Trebble	3	-	-	1
Conroy	3	1	-	-
Fleming	2	-	-	-
Moyes	2	-	1	-
Ainsworth	1	-	-	-
Atkinson	1	-	-	-
Whalley	1	-	-	-
Raynor	1	-	-	-
Magee	1	-	-	-
Kidd	1	-	-	-
Fensome	-	-	1p	-
Own Goals	1	-	-	-

Average Home Gate: 7,398

Average Away Gate: 3,100

COCA-COLA CUP

AUG	17th	Stockport County (at Bury)		1-1	2385	Richardson	Fensome(1p)	Fleming	Whalley	Hicks
AUG	23th	Stockport County	A	1-4	4547	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley	Hicks

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SEP	27th	Chester City	H	1-1	3328	Richardson	Fensome	Kidd	Whalley#	Squires
NOV	8th	Bury	A	0-1	1756	Vaughan	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes

F.A. CUP

NOV	14th	Blackpool (Rd 1)	H	1-0	14036	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	3rd	Walsall (Rd 2)	H	1-1	9767	Richardson	Fensome	Sharp	Cartwright	Holmes
DEC	13th	Walsall (Rd 2 Replay)	A	0-4	6468	Richardson	Fensome*	Sharp	Whalley	Holmes

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FACTS & STATS 1994-1995

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK
Moyes	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Raynor	Trebble	Bryson	Sale	Squires	O'Hanlon
Moyes	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Raynor*	Sale(1)	Fleming	Conroy(1)*	Squires	O'Hanlon
Kidd	Ainsworth	Cartwright	Trebble*	Conroy#	Bryson	Sale(1)*	Raynor#	Vaughan
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Conroy	Fleming	Cartwright	Vaughan
Moyes(1)	**Ainsworth(1)**	**Bryson#**	**Raynor**	**Sale(1)**	**Conroy***	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Ainsworth#	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Fleming*	Trebble(1)*	Cartwright#	Vaughan
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Raynor*	Sale(2)	Fleming(1)	Trebble*	Cartwright#	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Sale***	**Fleming**	**Trebble(1)***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Ainsworth	Bryson	Fleming(1)	Trebble	Raynor	Hicks	Cartwright	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson#**	**Sale**	**Trebble**	**Raynor***	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Sale***	**Fleming**	**Raynor**	**Trebble***	**Atkinson**	**Vaughan**
Kidd	Ainsworth	Bryson	Sale#	Trebble	Atkinson(1)	Cartwright*	Fleming#	Richardson
Moyes	Cartwright#	Bryson	Trebble(1)	Conroy*	Atkinson	Sale*	Fleming#	Richardson
Moyes	**Fleming**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Conroy***	**Atkinson**	**Sale***	**Cartwright#**	**Richardson**
Moyes	Fleming	Bryson	Raynor	Conroy(2)	Atkinson	Sale	Whalley*	Richardson
Moyes(1)	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson***	**Raynor(1)**	**Conroy**	**Trebble#**	**Emerson***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	Trebble*	Bryson	Smart	Conroy	Kidd	Emerson	Raynor*	Lucas(D)
Moyes	**Magee(1)#**	**Bryson(2p)**	**Smart***	**Conroy(1)**	**Raynor**	**Rimmer***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Cartwright**	**Bryson**	**Smart***	**Conroy**	**Raynor**	**Rimmer***	**Fleming**	**Lucas(D)**

NEXT AT DEEPDALE -SCARBOROUGH

Currently managerless, their last manager, Billy Ayre resigned recently after joining the club in August this year (replacing former manager Steve Wicks). Form has been very poor with Scarborough propping up the Division, having won only three games so far this season. Of the three players signed in the close season two, Stuart Ford and Gavin Kelly are Keepers, perhaps an indication of previous problems. Since the start of the season four players have been signed, all by Billy Ayre, in an attempt to improve the fortunes of the team, but with little success.

With current form being very poor, no players are currentkly "shining" although there are a few to watch out for, notably former Preston favourite Gary Swann and Tony Radwell Bryan Griffiths, both former Blackpool players.

DAVID LEE

Do you ever drive knowing full well you're over the limit? Well, you know what's going to happen. One night you'll see a flashing blue light in your rear view mirror and you know you're going to get pulled. You blow into the breathalyser, then they read you your rights. You sit cuffed (yes, cuffed) in the back of the police car while they park yours. You wonder what the hell's going to happen to you. You're facing a five grand fine, ridiculous insurance premiums and one year of begging for lifts off friends. That old cliché goes through your head, 'I can't believe this is happening to me'. You're a fool. Do-not-drink-and-drive-or-you-may-live-to-regret-it. Issued by The Portman Group.

Moyes	Cartwright	Kidd	Raynor	Trebble#	Bryson*	Conroy*	Sale#	O'Hanlon
Moyes(1)	Ainsworth#	Cartwright	Sale*	Conroy	Fleming	Raynor*	Bryson#	Vaughan
Moyes	**Ainsworth**	**Bryson**	**Sale**	**Trebble(1)***	**Raynor**	**Fleming***	**Cartwright#**	**Vaughan**
Moyes	Trebble	Bryson	Raynor	Sale	Fleming*	Welsh	Whalley*	Richardson
Moyes	**Ainsworth#**	**Bryson**	**Raynor**	**Conroy(1)***	**Trebble**	**Sale***	**Whalley#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	**Trebble#**	**Bryson**	**Smart(1)**	**Conroy**	**Raynor***	**Emerson***	**Fleming#**	**Lucas(D)**
Moyes	Cartwright	Bryson	Smart	Conroy	Raynor#	Emerson*	Trebble#	Lucas(D)

PLEASE KEEP OFF THE PITCH

by Bob Bamber

IN RESERVE

Monday, 12th, December, 1994. Pontins Central League Division Two.

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES...1
Lucas 15.
H T 1 - 1.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC RESERVES.....1
Bernard 19.
Att - 818.
Bookings - Squires (Preston 55 mins) Eyre (Oldham 75 mins)

Gary Peters had promised he would be throwing his young players into Reserve match action as much as possible, tonight there were seven YTS players in the squad, four took the field from the start, amongst these was Colin Potts son of Ex-Preston favourite player Eric, the young Potts making his debut at this level played wide right. Stuart Rimmer continued in the side as he battles for full match fitness and Richard Lucas played as a striker alongside him.

Player/Manager Graham Sharp included himself in a strong "Latics" line-up. They had been going well of late and were placed second in the table.
Preston attacked with some neat short passing build-up play. Their first chance fell to Stuart Hicks, who nodded one over from a Kevin Kilbane centre. North End's earlier pressure payed off when Matthew Brown attempted to clear, the ball only skidded off his head and Lucas, quick as a flash beat Darren Lonergan to the ball and blasted it home across the front of the helpless Jon Hallworth.
The lead was shortlived however, just as North End looked like taking control they conceded a sloppy goal, a long cross came over from the right and the Preston defence could only watch as Paul Bernard converted at the far post.
It was a good entertaining match with both sides coming close to scoring again. Kevin Kilbane hit a left footed screamer from 25 yards but Hallworth made the save, it was soon to be David Lucas who was in the limelight when he made a superb diving save from a Mark Brennan shot. The players trooped off at half-time to generous applause.

We began again at a frantic pace with some pulsating end to end stuff and the home fans were enraged when the referee pulled up play for a foul on Kevin Kilbane as the Preston flanker had passed two Oldham defenders and was heading towards goal. Jamie Squires was unlucky when the official booked him for an alleged tackle from behind.
The home side introduced another YTS player into the action, Paul McKenna replacing Greg Challender in midfield to sample Central League football for the first time. Kilbane who was never out of the game for long hammered a 20 yarder which Hallworth did well to fingertip over the bar. Oldham hit back with keeper David Lucas coming to the rescue again and Terry Fleming cleared off the goal-line.
The match as it usually does between these two sides developed into a tasty hot-pot with both sides giving everything.
From a corner-kick Darren Beckford who had

replaced Graham Sharp swivelled skillfully in the box and struck a hard shot but David Lucas was as alert as ever and saved. Oldham substitute John Eyre never a player afraid of putting himself about was a lucky man when he felled Paul McKenna with a crunching tackle but the referee chose to keep his notebook in his pocket remembering that he had already booked the "Latics" player.
So we had to be content once again with a share of the points yet it was a good game with very few long balls used. Both sides had again put on a good show and given the fans value for money.

PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES: Lucas (D), Fleming, Kidd, Borwick, Hicks (Capt), Squires, Potts, Challender, Rimmer, Lucas (R), Kilbane (K). Subs - McKenna for Challender (61 mins), Calligan (Not used), Harrison (GK).
OLDHAM ATHLETIC RESERVES: Hallworth, McNiven, Hilton, Lonergan, Booth, Bernard, Rickers, Brennan, Sharp, Banger, Kenny. - Beckford for Sharp (63 mins), Eyre for Rickers (75 mins), Woods (GK).

NEXT HOME GAMES

Tuesday 3rd January, 1995
Pontins Central League Division Two.
PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES v BRADFORD CITY RESERVES
Kick-Off 7.00pm.

Monday 9th January, 1995
Pontins Central League Division Two.
PRESTON NORTH END RESERVES v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY RESERVES
Kick-Off 7.00pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Bob Bamber.

RICHARD LUCAS
Scored a good goal against Oldham

THE PONTINS LEAGUE
FIXTURES 1994-95

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	F-A	ATT.
Tue Aug 16	Manchester City	A	0-1	975
Mon Aug 22	Oldham Athletic	A	1-2	522
Wed Sep 7	Hull City	A	2-1	122
Wed Sep 14	Middlesbrough	A	2-2	210
Mon Sep 19	Mansfield Town	H	1-1	608
Mon Sep 26	Birmingham City	A	0-3	609
Wed Oct 5	York City	A	0-1	182
Mon Oct 10	Leicester City	H	2-1	1367
Mon Oct 17	Port Vale	H	1-1	1126
Wed Oct 26	Blackpool	A	2-1	578
Mon Nov 7	Grimsby Town	H	2-2	1050
Wed Nov 16	Barnsley	A	0-1	248
Mon Nov 21	Newcastle United	H	1-2	3073
Wed Nov 30	Port Vale	A	0-0	229
Mon Dec 5	Manchester City	H	0-1	1619
Mon Dec 12	Oldham Athletic	H	1-1	818
Wed Dec 21	Burnley	A		
Tue Jan 3	Bradford City	H		
Mon Jan 9	Sheffield Wednesday	H		
Wed Jan 18	Hudderfield Town	A		
Mon Jan 23	Blackpool	H		
Tue Jan 31	Grimsby Town	A		
Mon Feb 6	Barnsley	H		
Mon Feb 13	Newcastle United	A		
Mon Feb 27	Mansfield Town	A		
Mon Mar 13	Birmingham City	H		
Mon Mar 20	Middlesbrough	H		
Mon Mar 27	Hull City	H		
Mon Apr 3	Burnley	H		
Tue Apr 11	Bradford City	A		
Tue Apr 18	Sheffield Wednesday	A		
Mon Apr 24	Leicester City	A		
Mon May 1	York City	H		
Mon May 8	Huddersfield	H		

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
APPEARANCES += SUB APPS (16 GAMES PLAYED)

Lucas (R)	10+2	Squires	10	Holmes	9
Hicks	9	Challender	9	Sulley	8
Kilbane (K)	7+4	Cartwright	7	Fleming	7
Magee	6+1	Vaughan	6	Emerson	6
Calligan	5+2	Trebble	5	Whalley	5
Lucas (D)	5	Kidd	5	Borwick	4+2
Welsh	4	Atkinson	3	Sale	3
Bingham	3	McMenemy	2+1	Norbury	2+1
Rimmer	2	Bamber	2	Matthewson	2
McGlashan	2	Raynor	2	Sharp	2
Brooks	2	Conroy	2	Richardson	2
Corcoran	2	Smart	2	Leonard	1
Bryson	1	Cook	1	Kennedy	1
Myall	1	Darby	1	Fensome	1
Moyes	1	Ainsworth	1	O'Hanlon	1
Langford	1	Brown	1	Kerr	1
Potts	1	Hayton	0+2	Issac	0+1
McKenna	0+1				

UNUSED SUBS
HIGHAM, HARRISON (GK)

GOALSCORERS

Trebble	4	Cartwright	2	Kilbane (K)	1
Challender	1	Kennedy	1	McGlashan	1
Holmes	1	Conroy	1(pen)	Welsh	1
Smart	1	Lucas (R)	1		

15 GOALS SCORED

by John Draper

PNE YOUTH

As the month of December arrived so did the winter weather, now causing football postponements especially at youth level, where most of the grounds are not looked after to the same extent obviously as Football League pitches, so a bit of advice before setting off to a youth game, contact the club for information. Our "Home" ground at Warton has a public telephone in the "Canteen", where most likely somebody would pick the phone up and pass on any information. The number is Freckleton 632164.

The North End Youths have had to soldier on during the past few weeks with some key players missing - but now things seem to be getting slightly better. Gil Brooks had to have a cartilage operation at the beginning of November - now doing light physical work. Stuart Bingham is now absent but Paul McKenna has returned to the side playing well, he fully deserved his selection for the reserve side versus Oldham (12/12/94) - writing about the reserve side, it was great to see so many YTS players in the side. 4 played, David Lucas in goals, Chris Borwick in mid-field with Colin Potts and Kevin Kilbane - with Paul McKenna and John Calligan as substitutes. (See Bob's "In Reserve" article).

I think we will see more YTS players being brought forward quicker under the new management team - and what David Lucas did after the game versus Hereford (10/12/94) - sign a professional contract after only 6 months YTS - congratulations David! I can see the same being offered to other outstanding youths in the near future.

F.A.YOUTH CUP - 2ND ROUND
TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1994
PRESTON NORTH END YOUTHS 1
BLACKPOOL YOUTHS 2
Half-Time: 0 - 1
Played at Deepdale.

A well contested affair - Blackpool youths being the deserved winners for the simple reason - they lifted their game after last Saturdays defeat at Warton in the "Lancashire League" fixture! - They closed down North Ends mid-field with ease not allowing them the room to get their game flowing especially in the first period when our lads, playing against the wind did get their sparodic chances. Sound defending and poor finishing let them down. The chances - a free kick allowed for a foul on Kevin Kilbane on the edge of the box came to nothing (9th min), John Calligan headed over a good chance (17th min), Colin Pott's chance was halted by a good tackle, Paul McKena after a good dribble into the box laid off the ball to Chris Borwick whose shot was saved by the keeper (25th min) and Kevin Kilbane blasted the ball at the goals only for it to hit a Blackpool player and go wide.

And then as half-time approached a bad defensive error allowed the visitors to go ahead, the ball was centred from the right - our defence stood and watched as it floated across goals and the sea-siders winger, Ian Vickers, running into the area power headed the ball into the net. Half-Time = 0 - 1.

Thinking back to Saturday's game I thought our lads could pull this one back pretty quick in the second half but I underestimated the sea-siders tenacity in not

PNE YOUTH

by John Draper

letting North End settle on the ball - the odd chance did occur - Paul McKenna's shot skimmed the bar (47th min) he also blasted one over the top (52nd min) and then the equaliser arrived , John Calligan had just missed a good chance in front of goals (75th min) but this time John did not make a mistake as the ball was lifted from midfield into the goal-area-the keeper advanced out of the goals - it seemed to bounce between them, "Tiny" with his long legs reacted quickly to lift the ball over the keeper into an empty net (85th min). Pushing forward for the winner North End left their "back-yard gate" open allowing Blackpool's winger David Carrol to attack down the right with acres of empty space he centred to the far post un-challenged - two tangerine shirts were waiting for it - a simple task for Danny Cappoci to net - 1 - 2! "End of story", out of Cup!

Teams:

Preston North End Youths: Lucas: Stewart, Taylor, McKenna, Hayton, McMenemy, McCrone, Borwick, Calligan, Potts, Kilbane (K).

Subs = Lawlor - not used, Barnes - not used, GK Harrison - not used.

Blackpool Youths: Croasdale Ward, Hills Smith, Howard, Maclean, Carroll, Gawthorpe, Shaw, Cappocci, Vickers

Subs = Williams - not used, Purius - not used, GK Hall - not used

FIXTURE v CARLISLE UNITED A.

This fixture versus "The Cumbrian's" was due to be played on Saturday 10th December at Warton - but because of heavy overnight rain the referee called off the game about 10.00am with both teams already at the ground - It was waterlogged the week before versus Blackpool so it did not stand much chance of being played on - it is not a very good pitch! - being reported to the League for it's condition - I personally felt sorry for the Carlisle lads having to travel all that way (100 miles) and then turning straight round and going back - surely an earlier inspection at first light by a local referee would have saved them time and money.

As you will be reading this on Boxing Day (26/12/94) at our home game with Rochdale, our YTS lads will be in the middle of their two weeks rest from fixtures, our next game being at home to Bury "B" at Warton 7/1/95.

In closing these notes I would like to take this opportunity to wish all YTS lads a successful 1995 for their future career, keep up the good work! and to all the readers and followers of our youth team a Happy New Year.

Many thanks - John Draper.

DATE		OPPONENT	VENUE	F-A
AUG	13	Rochdale 'A'	A	5-0
	15	Burnley 'B'	A	4-5
	20	Stockport C 'A'	H	7-0
	27	Wigan Ath 'A'	A	1-1
SEPT	3	Crewe Alex 'A'	A	3-1
	6*	Man City 'A'	A	1-1
	17	Bolton W 'A'	A	0-1
	24	Chester City 'A'	A	6-1
OCT	1	Liverpool 'B'	H	5-4
	8	Bolton W 'A'	H	2-0
	15	Man United 'B'	A	2-2
	22	Marine Youth	A	4-0
	29	Everton 'B'	A	0-1
NOV	5	Everton 'B'	H	2-2
	19	Tranmere R 'B'	H	4-2
	23*	Burnley 'B'	H	4-3
	26	Blackburn R 'B'	A	0-0
DEC	3	Blackpool 'B'	H	4-3
	10	Carlisle United 'A'	H	PND
	17	Blackburn R 'B'	H	1-1
1995				
JAN	7	Bury 'B'	H	
	14	Wigan Ath 'A'	H	
	21	Oldham Ath 'B'	H	
	28	Liverpool 'B'	A	
FEB	4	Rochdale 'A'	H	
	18	Man United 'B'	H	
	25	Man City 'A'	H	
MAR	4	Stockport C 'A'	A	
	11	Marine Youth	H	
	18	Oldham Ath 'B'	A	
	25	Bury 'B'	A	
APR	1	Blackpool 'B'	A	
	8	Carlisle United 'A'	A	
	15	Tranmere Rvrs 'B'	A	
	22	Chester City 'A'	H	
	29	Crewe Alex 'A'	A	

by Ian Rigby

NORTH END ON TOUR

The month long tour of South Africa in May/June 1958 was marred by an ugly incident in the seventh game when Preston North End faced South Africa in their first "Test Match" at the Rand Stadium, Johannesburg. The game was held up for nearly ten minutes when a riot broke out in the non-European part of the ground. A section of the crowd got out of hand and started throwing bottles onto the field of play and into the European section of the stands. Thirty people had to be treated for injuries. Police and officials eventually restored order and the game was restarted. The match itself was, on the field, a tense, gruelling, hard-fought contest which produced some exciting, attacking football. Smith, the Springboks goalkeeper was apparently the most outstanding player on the field, giving a heroic and courageous display to keep the rampant North End forwards at bay.

South Africa were still in the running at half-time although they had the misfortune to lose Bobby Field, their inside right, with a dislocated shoulder. He was replaced by substitute Wally Warren when the score was level at one goal apiece. Hatsell had scored for Preston with Owen Becket equalising from the penalty spot much to the delight of the 16,000 crowd.

The Springboks acquitted themselves admirably against the fleet footed North End attack, but their own forwards poor finishing and hesitancy in front of goal enabled the competent PNE defenders ample time to cover up and clear their lines.

A draw away from home against the best South Africa could call upon would have satisfied most teams but North End, winners of all six games on the tour this far, kept pressing until the end and it paid off when Jimmy Baxter, in the 90th minute, pounced onto a rebound from the crossbar and drove the ball into the corner of the net. PNE were represented by Fred Else, Willie Cunningham, Joe Walton, Gordon Milne, Joe Dunn, Frank O'Farrell, Derek Mayers, Tommy Thompson, Dennis Hatsell, Jimmy Baxter & Sammy Taylor.

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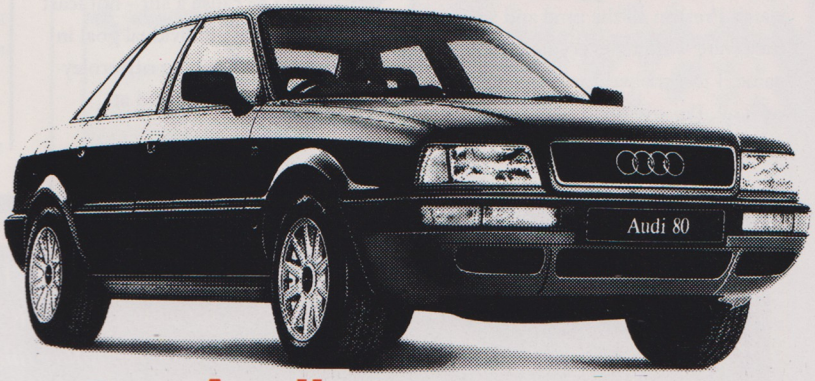

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WILLACY WITH..... LEE ASHCROFT

When Lee Ashcroft left North End to join West Bromwich Albion for £225,000 in August 1992, many fans expected him to lead his new club into Premiership. Instead, he struggled to hold down a place and had to watch West Brom stagger around the First Division relegation zone.

But 'Ash' returned to the Baggies in time to score the goal which kept Albion up by the skin of their teeth, and he hasn't looked back.

"It was an unbelievable day at Portsmouth," says Lee recalling the drama at the end of last term. "We has about 10,000 fans there and to score the winner was absolutely brilliant."

But Lee is still a Preston fan and he soon returned to Deepdale to see the amazing play-off win over Torquay which took us to Wembley. "I desperately wanted North End to go up," says the 22 year old winger. "When I wasn't playing for West Brom, I used to come home to watch Preston all the time and when they were winning every home game, I just wished I was still part of it all. I'm still good mates with

LEE ASHCROFT

Lee Cartwright, Kevin Magee and Gareth Ainsworth but now enjoying my football at Albion, I don't miss North End as much."

Ashcroft was a vital part of North End's tremendous youth team and picked up three runners-up medals in the Lancs Youth Cup, as well as a stream of rave reviews, under Walter Joyce. Lee first appeared in the first team spotlight when he replaced Ian Bogie during a gloomy defeat at Wigan in November 1990, soon after his eighteenth birthday. And whilst he was never a regular during that 90/91 season, Ashcroft was starting to cause a stir - not least after his stunning individual goal in the classic 6-1 thrashing ofBurnley in front of a 12,000 crowd at Deepdale.

The following year, Ashcroft turned professional - and turned on the style.

"I had three great years in the first team at North End," says Lee, "but when I got the call-up for England Under 21s at the end of 1991/92, it crowned a super season for me personally."

Indeed, Lee made his one and only international appearance in Hungary during May 1992, coming on as a substitute for another North End old boy Everton's Matt Jackson.

"I knew that England had been watching me all season, and when there were a few injuries I managed to get in there," says 'Ash'. "It was brilliant to get on, even though it was only for a half and my Mum's got the cap to prove it!"

Whilst Lee played his whole career outside of the top flight, amongst his teammates that day were Premiership stars Andy Cole, Ugo Ehiogu, Ray Parlour and Ian Walker. But like Murphy's, Lee's not bitter at their success.

"Although I didn't get another game, once I was too old for the Under 21s there was no point about it anymore. I used to keep in touch with Mike Sheron but now he's out in Norwich, I really don't have any contact with those lads," Ashcroft admits. "Whilst playing in Division

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LEE ASHCROFT

One brings me up against better players more often, it's really just a faster,more stronger version of Division Two. I thought playing against Stuart Pearce last season would be a nightmare but although it was an unbelievable challenge, I had my best game yet for West Brom. He's made out to be Mr Nasty but he congratulated me afterwards for giving him the runaround!"

Whilst Lee cites his toughest ever opponent as being former Manchester United left-back Johnny Sivebaek, who silenced Lee in an Anglo-Italian Cup tie for Pescara last term, he had a pleasant surprise in his biggest game for North End.

"When we reached the FA Cup Third Round in 1992, we absolutely hammered Sheffield Wednesday but Chris Woods was superb and we ended up losing 2-0. I was up against Phil King, who's now at Villa, and I was amazed at how comfortable it was for me that day," recalls Lee. "I still watch that game on video!"

Although everyone expected Lee to take his precaucious talents elsewhere after the sacking of his mentor Lee Chapman, it was a shock to everyone when his suspension cost us our place in the Second Division eighteen months ago.

Having apparently saved us with some thrilling performances in the last few months of the 92/93 season, Ashcroft had to sit out the vital final two games following his second sending-off of the season. It was to prove an extremely costly mistake.

"All we had to do was beat Mansfield," remembers Ash. "We were 1-0 up when we got a penalty. I usually take them but I was out so Mickey Norbury took it."

I don't need to tell you the rest of the sorry tale, but at least Ash suffered with the rest of us at Bolton a week later.

"That was a terrible day at Burnden Park," he says. "The dressing room was like a morgue afterwards. That's definetly the worst moment in my career so far."

Whilst Lee finally starts to perform in the First Division as we all hoped he would, he makes no secret of where his heart really lies, and puts it quite succinctly.

"I love Preston the town, and I love Preston North End."

Good stuff fella!

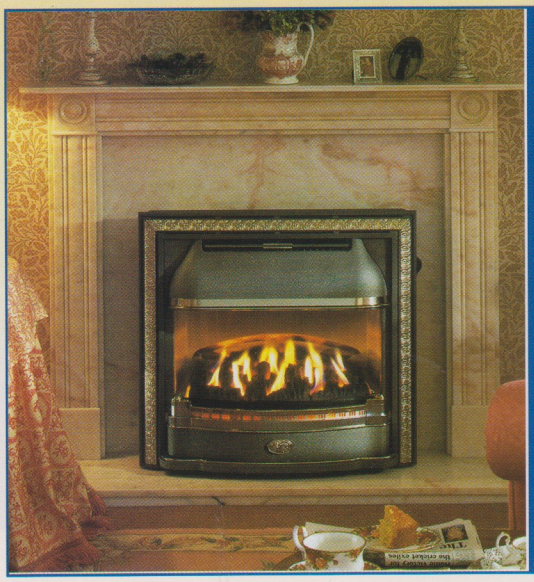
Gavin Willacy

PRESTON NEOSC

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all Preston North End fans, players and staff a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope that Gary will lead us ever onward up the division - at the time of writing we have moved six places in our division since he became our new manager, It's a really good feeling to watch Granada results after the match and find ourselves back in the top half of the league table! Today's match against Rochdale will be the first in a seasonal flurry of matches. (Speaking of Rochdale - Gareth Ainsworth beware! Perhaps it will be a good job if he's not quite fit enough to be back in the team after the last encounter - I have no wish to see him being singled out for rough treatment again! How many pints of blood must that lad shed for his team?) Let's hope that all the lads take up David Moye's idea of Christmas - which includes having a family Christmas - without going over the top - and also finding the time to get in a couple of hours training and that we can all celebrate with them, no matter what the score after the match. I herewith offer to buy the lads a drink if we bag a victory today! Talking of rewards I think that a great big pat on the back should go to all the fans who travelled to see the lads in the F.A. Cup match at Walsall. Once again North End supporters were responsible for the highest gate of the season at an away ground and the way they got behind the team was absolutely marvellous - the more goals that Walsall put past us the more fanatical the North End support seemed to become. It's nice to know that the players value the vocal support that they receive and that they showed their appreciation of the travelling "army" of supporters in the way they applauded us at the end of that gruelling match.

If you want to experience (and add to!) the atmosphere at away matches why not try our popular away travel service? We will as ever be running coaches to the away matches over the holiday period, so if you don't quite fancy the drive to Wigan or the New Year marathon to Torquay, drop by the Portakabin or ring 0772 682327 to book.

Right: Ian Bryson celebrates his first two goals of the season.



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4. LEE CARTWRIGHT
5. RYAN KIDD
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7. KEVIN MAGEE
8. IAN BRYSON
9. ALLAN SMART
10. MIKE CONROY
11. PAUL RAYNOR
12. STUART RIMMER
14. TERRY FLEMING

GK. DAVID LUCAS

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